

Appl No.: 10/623,227
Reply to Office Action of Aug 14, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present divisional of parent application Serial No. 09/851,025, filed May 08, 2001, claiming benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/203,370, filed May 10, 2006, included Claims 1 – 43. When the present divisional application, Serial No. 10/623,227 was filed July 18, 2003, Applicant elected to cancel Claims 1 – 36 and to prosecute Claims 37-43.

In a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney on April 13, 2006, a restriction requirement and an election was required for one invention in Claims 37-40 or another invention in Claims 41-43; a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute Claims 37 – 40. Claims 41-43 are now canceled by Applicant's amendment filed August 01, 2006; Claims 37-40 are now pending. No new matter has been entered. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121 mailed on August 14, 2006. The Legal Instruments Examiner, Mertie F. Taylor, indicated that a complete listing of claims is not presented; each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier and claims 1 – 36 are not present.

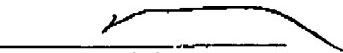
Applicant submits the present amendment of the corrected section (Listing of Claims) of the non-compliant amendment filed by Applicant on August 01, 2006. The present amendment provides a complete listing and status of all claims 1 - 43, including identification and status of claims 1 – 36 that were originally filed in the parent application, Serial no: 09/851,025 filed May 08, 2001, now canceled. No new matter is added by this amendment.

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The application and claims are believed in condition for allowance in their amended form; allowance of Claims 37-40 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

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